

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Human Services

TIME & DATE: Upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

PLACE: E2.010

CHAIR: Rep. James B. Frank

The Committee will meet in a public hearing and hear invited testimony to consider the following:

- The Committee will review the efforts of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to remedy the rising numbers of Children Without Placement (CWOP).
- Monitor the impact of children, including unaccompanied minors, crossing the Texas-Mexico border on the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) child protective services programs. Consider ways to encourage consistent, transparent, and timely review of abuse and neglect of these children. Consider strategies to ensure better coordination and collaboration among local agencies, faith-based organizations, the private sector, non-profits, and law enforcement to reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect fatalities and human trafficking of migrating children. Identify any particularized services that these children will need and assess the costs of providing these services.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

Efforts of DFPS and HHSC to remedy the rising number of CWOP
Impact of children crossing the Texas-Mexico border on DFPS programs

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

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